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The freedom of the borough



by Dick Townsend-Smith

FORMER Greenwich Council member Peter King has been given the highest civic distinction that can be awarded to anyone in recognition of his outstanding service to the community. He was awarded the Honorary Freedom of the Borough at a special meeting of the council last Wednesday at the Greenwich

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Greenwich named in top ten global destinations

GREENWICH has been listed in the top ten global destinations for 2012 by one of the world's top travel guides. Greenwich – which becomes a Royal Borough in January – is the only UK destination in the list published this week by Frommer's, the well respected travel guides. Greenwich's inclusion in the list for 2012 reflects a special year for the borough, as it prepares to become the Royal Borough of Greenwich from January, before going on to host a total of 34 events in nine sports during the London Olympic and Paralympic Games. Greenwich's three venues – Greenwich Park, hosting the equestrian events and modern pentathlon, The Greenwich Arena with gymnastics and the basketball finals, and Woolwich Barracks with shooting events – make Greenwich the largest Olympic and Paralympic venue outside the Olympic Park itself. It will also be the year in which the Cutty Sark is restored to its former splendour in the heart of Greenwich's

town centre. A cultural festival will animate the borough's streets and open spaces, attracting thousands more visitors and taking place before, during and after the Olympic and Paralympic Games. This includes the Greenwich Festivals, a series of high-quality events which celebrate the cultural vibrancy of Greenwich. Other highlights for 2012 include:

- A major new exhibition at the National Maritime Museum - Royal River: Power, Pageantry and the Thames - runs from 27 April next year and will be open to the public throughout the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games
- The inaugural Sail Royal Greenwich – 25 July to 12 August – during which 20 tall ships will ply a scenic route along the Thames, taking in many famous highlights of London and offering a daily spectacle during the Olympics. Sail Royal Greenwich will offer corporate clients the opportunity to entertain guests aboard a beautiful tall ship, showcasing the best of what London can offer.

● See next week's GT for full details

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It's great to walk or cycle in the winter

IT can be hard to motivate ourselves to walk or cycle in winter but it's a great way to fight off colds and the winter blues. Fresh air and exercise help to combat stress and releases endorphins that make us feel happier and more positive.

Here are some top tips to keep walking and cycling:

- Go walking at the weekend - take a stroll to soak in all the sunlight
- Get some warm gloves and socks
- Don't forget the umbrella or waterproof!
- Keep a dry pair of shoes

at work to change into Cycling:

- Layer, layer, layer! Do not just wear a T-shirt and a heavy coat
- Don't forget your lights - and with something reflective on your bike, bags or clothing you'll be easy to see when it's dark

- Get mudguards fitted to your bike - more water comes up off the road than down from the sky
- For more advice about cycling and walking contact the council on 020 8921 3359 or email Amanda.holden@greenwich.gov.uk

Two more caught after the riots

Police still working 'around the clock'

TWO more men have been sentenced - one of them jailed - for their part in the disorder in Woolwich.

Arry Pope 22, of Gorman Road, Woolwich, was sentenced at the Inner London Crown Court to ten months for handling stolen goods.

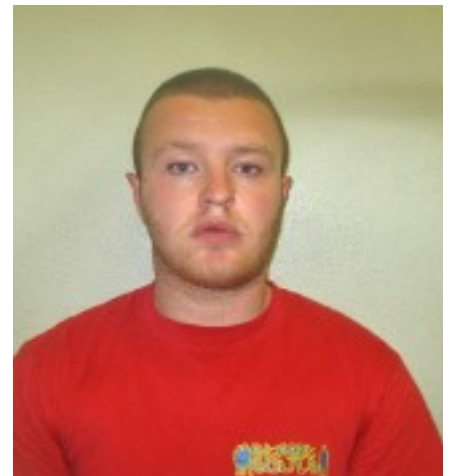
Police conducted a search warrant at his home address and seized clothing and trainers worth about £1,000. Pope pleaded guilty to handling stolen goods from the Blue Inc. store in Powis Street.

Alfie McComb, 23, of Gibson Street, Greenwich, was sentenced to six months in prison, suspended for eighteen months, and given 150 hours of unpaid work for receiving stolen goods from a burglary.

He was arrested and charged after handing himself in at a police station. A large quantity of electrical goods and clothing was found at his home address, complete with store security tags belonging to Maplin, JD Sports and the Carphone Warehouse. He told police he



JAILED: Arry Pope



SUSPENDED SENTENCE: Alfie McComb

had bought the items at a low cost. DC Mark Gilchrist said: "I am pleased with the sentences. A team of detectives is working around the clock to ensure those involved in the disorder that took place in Woolwich are brought before a court."

Burglar gets jail time

A WOMAN who burgled an elderly lady has been jailed for four and a half years. Marie Keane 42, of Vincent Road, Woolwich, tricked a 73-year-old victim in June by asking her if her television was working, pretending to be there to check it. After entering the victim's address, Keane asked various questions about the television and left a short while

later. The victim became suspicious and discovered her purse was missing.

Officers immediately recovered CCTV showing a partial image of the



JAILED: Marie Keane

suspect, who was arrested within an hour. The victim was praised by the judge at Inner London Crown Court for her composure. DC Kevin Rickett said: "Keane's habit of targeting elderly and vulnerable people led us to her. We are determined to pursue anyone targeting those most vulnerable in society and do all we can to bring them in front of a judge."

Time to be smart and register your mobile

POLICE in Greenwich are urging people to register their mobile phones to increase the chance of recovering stolen items. While overall crime in Greenwich continues to fall there has been a four per cent increase in street robberies and more than 40 per cent of all concern a mobile phone. DCI Mike Balcombe said: "I would strongly suggest that everyone records their phone IMEI number on www.immobilise.com. "Smart phones are becoming must-have items for many people - that includes criminals too." Police officers have visited 10 secondary schools across the borough to ensure that children and young people record their mobiles on the

immobilise.com. A total of 440 children have registered so far. Some simple tips to follow;

- Keep your phone hidden and be cautious when you use it at night
- Use your phone's built-in security features
- If your phone is stolen, report it to the police immediately
- Contact your mobile phone network as soon as possible so the phone can be locked
- Add your phone to the National Mobile Phone Register. If it is stolen and then recovered by police, it can then be returned to you. To find out the IMEI number type in *#06# and it will display the 15-digit number, which can then be registered at www.immobilise.com.

DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE YOUR COPY OF GREENWICH TIME

Freedom of borough for Peter

Highest honour given to former councillor

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Gallery in the Woolwich Centre. The honour confers no material gain, but it is a highly-prized distinction and carries continued recognition on all civic ceremonial occasions.

Mr King was elected to Greenwich Council in 1978, and served the borough as a Conservative councillor continuously until he stood down in May 2010. He was elected to represent the Palace Ward from 1978 to 2002, and the Eltham South Ward from 2002 to 2010. He served the council as both the Leader of the Conservative group and later as deputy leader. During his time on the council he served on 22 different committees, most notably planning board and its sub-committees, the policy and resource committee and the housing committee. He was also an active member of the Eltham Town Centre Steering Group.

Councillors unanimously agreed that awarding the Honorary Freedom of the

Borough to Mr King was a fitting way to mark his contribution to the borough and its residents. He was presented with a certificate, stamped with the council's seal.

The motion was proposed by leader of the council Chris Roberts and seconded by leader of the opposition, councillor Spencer Drury.

Cllr Roberts said: "Peter has shown a remarkable degree of commitment to the borough, and to public service.

"Throughout his time on the council, Peter showed a level of generosity that was recognised across the council chamber, and he was – with good reason – held in the highest regard by councillors of all parties, and by the people whom he represented.

"He was always prepared to put aside party politics, if it was for the betterment of the borough and would always, above all else, bat for Greenwich."

Cllr Drury added: "I can think of no more deserving recipient of the Freedom of the Borough than Peter.

"Throughout his long period



ALL IN FAVOUR: Peter King (centre) receives his honour from council leader Chris Roberts (left), and leader of the opposition, Spencer Drury

as a councillor, Peter cared wholeheartedly for the borough as a whole – and for Eltham in particular. He played an important and valuable job as deputy leader and leader of the opposition, showing energy and enthusiasm for the role.

"I, like many others on the council, have been very grateful

for his advice and for his tolerance."

On receiving the honour, Mr King said: "I feel flattered, and honoured – it's not something I had expected at all. I was very proud to serve the people of Eltham. I'm very flattered too at the number of people who have turned out to this event."



CONGRATULATIONS: Peter with Clive Efford MP

Test tickets give-away

THERE'S still time to enter the draw to win free tickets to a pair of Olympic test events later this month and in December. Greenwich Council has secured hundreds of passes to the handball and goalball events at the Olympic Park in Stratford.

Handball takes place on November 26 and 27, and Paralympic event goalball on the first weekend in December.

To be in with a chance of winning fill in the form below and return it to: Test Tickets Draw, Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, SE18 6PW.

The form can also be filled out online at www.greenwich.gov.uk/testevents

Winners will need to collect the tickets from Woolwich Town Hall on Wellington Street with two forms of identification - photo ID such as a passport, driving licence or bus pass, and proof of a Greenwich address on a utility bill. Successful entries will be notified by 5pm on November 18. (If you have not been contacted by then unfortunately you have not won tickets).

Tickets to be collected w/c November 21 from Woolwich Town Hall on the following dates between 10am and Noon, and from 2pm-4pm: • Nov 21 • Nov 22 • Nov 23 (10am-Noon, 2pm-4pm and 5pm - 7pm) • Nov 25 (2pm-4pm only)

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Hard to follow the right path - am I better off on benefits?

I WAS reading your article on working tax credit (GT, October 11) and decided to write you a letter regarding my problem. I am a lone 21-year-old female who has been living independently for the past five years. I have had numerous job roles but have recently taken up a level 2 business administration apprenticeship with Bexley Council. Therefore I am on a very low income. I tried to make a claim for numerous benefits (income support, working tax credits) to be informed there is absolutely no help or support available for me as I am only 21 and have no dependent children within my household. I am currently in receipt of housing benefit and council tax at reduced prices. I understand the importance of working and managing your money, however, in my circumstances I am struggling to do so on the allowance I have coming in and the bills going out. I am trying

so hard to follow the right path in life but feel I am working to survive. When it comes to living it is impossible, I believe. Speaking out as a young person trying to pursue my career and live an independent legal lifestyle is a mission impossible now. Young people in society willing to do good really do deserve more help and support in place for them. In reality they get thrown to one side by the benefit systems. I rang the local council to be told I was a young statistic better off "quitting my job and claiming benefits". I found this disgusting and ridiculous and would just like to get my point across that some young people are trying to succeed and on the verge of giving up because of the "typical image" set upon our age group by the local authorities. I need this alerted to people as many younger people living independently, taking up apprenticeships, will be in

exactly the same position as me and I feel this to be very distressing.

Jenna Payne, Plumstead

● SORRY to hear that you are facing difficulties. The council helps hundreds of young adults enter the jobs market each year, and the view that you would be better off on benefits is not one that we would condone. With regard to national benefit rules, Government guidelines dictate that under 25s cannot get working tax credit unless they are disabled or have children. And unfortunately there is less help through housing benefit for under 25s if they are renting privately.

Thank you for highlighting this. The council has reviewed your case and will be writing to you directly. Greenwich residents can check if they are missing out on tax credits or benefits by calling Welfare Rights on 020 8921 6375.

Ed

Grade figures wrong

THIS week (GT, October 18) you published a letter - deemed 'Star Letter' - regarding the future closure of Blackheath's Bluecoat School from Mrs Barbara Nash, Plumstead. An error in the letter was not corrected which gives a very misleading impression. The letter stated that 49 per cent of students received an A* grade in this years GCSE results. This is wrong. In fact the school's own website states that 48 per cent of

students got A* - C grades. Quite different. If you could place a correction I think this would be helpful
Sharon van Geuns, Blackheath

● YES, the letter refers to 49 per cent of students with A* - when it should of course have been 49 per cent with 5 A*-C grades at GCSE. Final validated data are published in January. The current, provisional figure (still subject to change) is 50% 5A*-C passes. **Ed**

HOOLIGANISM at football is largely a thing of the past. I attended Charlton's Red White and Black game against Carlisle at The Valley and was proud of a club that's been in the vanguard of the anti-racism campaign.

P. Welch, Blackheath



OUR Star Letter writer will win two tickets to a Charlton Athletic match at The Valley, so get writing! For information on 2011/12 season ticket offers please visit www.cafc.co.uk or call 0871 226 1905.



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M. HUNTBACH: 'An early morning picture of the University of Greenwich athletics ground taken from just by the A2 on Monday, October 17.'

Get more for your money this winter

THERE are loads of ways to cut fuel bills this winter. Here are just a few from the Energy Savings Trust.

Set your heating to go off 30 minutes before you leave the house, and come on again 30 minutes before you return. Make sure radiators are not obstructed. Draw curtains at dusk to help keep heat inside rooms. Insulate loft space and consider cavity wall insulation.

Use energy-efficient light bulbs. Turn off microwaves, TVs, videos, music systems, and computers when not in use. Remember, they still use energy when left on standby.

Washing: Use a low temperature setting and only wash full loads. Use a clothes rail instead of a radiator to dry clothes indoors as this stops the heat from reaching the rest of the room. Modern dishwashers use less energy and water than washing up by hand.

Cooking: Use a pan which is the same size as

the cooker ring to prevent heat loss. Use a lid on saucepans where possible so the contents heat up faster. Pressure cookers, steamers and microwaves use less energy. Boil only as much water as you need. Look out for a build-up of limescale in your kettle and treat with vinegar or descaling solutions. Turn the thermostat on your hot water tank down to 60 degrees. Shower rather than take a bath.

Grants: You may be able to get a grant or interest free loan for heating installation if you are a homeowner and get certain benefits such as Council Tax Benefit or Guaranteed Pension Credit, and if you are aged 60 or over or have a long term illness or disability. For more information contact Greenwich Council's home improvement team on 020 8921 2614 or email home-improvement@greenwich.gov.uk

Warm Front grants of up to £3,500 towards

energy efficiency improvements are available. You must own or private rent your home and receive certain benefits. For more information call 0800 316 6011 or to apply online visit www.direct.gov.uk and search 'warm front'.

Most people over 60 can get a **Winter Fuel Payment** to help towards heating bills. To find out when you will qualify, visit www.direct.gov.uk and search for 'state pension age calculator'. **Cold Weather Payments** are paid in very cold spells to people receiving certain benefits, and the **Warm Home Discount Scheme** provides a £120 rebate on this winter's electricity bill in winter for older people on low incomes.

• To check if you are missing out on tax credits or benefits contact Greenwich Welfare Rights Service on 020 8921 6375 or visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/Greenwich/BenefitsGrants

It's a green scene at Greenwich Theatre

The company that gets in on the environment act

by Peter Cordwell

GREENWICH Theatre is playing much more than just a bit part in the local green campaign.

Recent analysis has revealed that it's one of the greenest and most energy-efficient theatres in London.

And it didn't need a West End dramaturg to come up with the line: "Do it outdoors!"

The theatre in Crooms Hill had 10 performances in one week recently but saves on lighting in the summer with its outdoor theatre performances such as *The Secret Market* at Oxleas Woods.

General manager Simon Francis is the theatre's Green Champion. He said: "It sounds a bit grander than it is but I'm basically the person who keeps environmental care somewhere towards the top of a very long list of priorities."

"It's not just about recycling and turning off lights - the Green Champion has to encourage everyone working at the theatre to be responsible when it comes to energy and the environment."

This all comes at a time when the venue is attracting increased audiences and in the same year that the company has picked up an award for international theatre in Dublin.

Greenwich has also established a theatre exchange with New York but has still found ways of driving its energy consumption down to an astonishing level.

Reducing energy use might seem like a pretty low priority for a theatre, or at least not a natural part of the process of planning a season of shows



IT'S GREAT OUTDOORS: Greenwich Theatre's performance of *The Secret Market* at Oxleas Woods

or rehearsing with a group of actors, but Simon is committed to keeping the green agenda high on the company's list of considerations.

He told GT: "There is a long list of really good reasons why we should be 'green', I think we should all take individual steps towards caring for the

environment and part of that is seeing that the places we go to and things we buy are also doing their bit.

"We re-use costumes and props a lot and are careful about the materials we use, but theatre lights can burn a lot of electricity. Of course turning off lights and electrical equipment when not in use can have a big effect on our spending as well. More and more of our staff and customers have personal goals for environmental issues so we want to share in that effort."

You would be forgiven for thinking that a reduction in the number of performances presented at the theatre lay behind the impressive environmental results but the truth is in fact the opposite.

Simon said: "If anything we're increasing the number of performances we present each year - we have just had 10 performances in one week! Rather than cutting the operation back, the main energy-saving and recycling achievements of the theatre have come about by improving the way we use the building."

"It sounds very basic but just turning lights off, making sure fridges don't run when they're empty, closing doors to keep the heat in, small steps like these really do work. Of course our outdoor theatre is probably the greatest saver of them all - as we don't need any lighting at all!"

• FIND out what's on at Greenwich Theatre at www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk

DLR closures on weekends

SOME parts of the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) will be shut on weekends for the next two months. During November and December, there will be closures on: **Saturday 5-Sunday 6 November:** No service between Westferry - Woolwich Arsenal/ Beckton and Canning Town - Stratford International in both directions until 2.00pm on Sunday 6 November.

Sat 12-Sun 13 Nov: Full DLR network closure

Sat 19 - Sun 20 Nov: No service Bank/ Tower Gateway - Poplar/ West India Quay in both directions all day.

Sun 27 Nov: No service between Stratford and Bow Church until 11.00am

Sat 10-Sunday 11 December: Full DLR network closure.

Over Christmas between Saturday **December 24 and Monday January 2**, there will be no service between Bank/ Tower Gateway and Westferry.

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Students switching off to save the planet

THIS might be a real turn-off for some people... Students at the University of Greenwich are switching off to save energy at the Avery Hill campus halls in Eltham. The University is running a competition in partnership with Student Switch-Off that gets students to take energy-saving measures in halls to win prizes. The student flats which have used the lowest amount of energy at the end of the year will be rewarded with

an ice cream party, and throughout the year there are mini-competitions running where the students are asked to take photos of themselves taking energy saving measures and posting them up on facebook. Last week five lucky students got themselves NUS Extra cards just for taking photos of themselves switching off the lights, this week they can win gift-boxes from LUSH Cosmetics for wrapping up warm by

layering up the clothing rather than turning on the heating. The Student Switch Off campaign is running at 43 universities across the country and is successfully helping Universities reduce their carbon emissions, energy usage and importantly energy bills. The actions behind the project are very simple and can help anyone save energy and reduce costs at home too.

- Switch off the lights
 - Put an extra layer on, not the heating
 - Put a lid on the saucepan
 - Don't overfill the kettle
- It may sound simplistic but these ways of saving energy have led to University halls of residence making an average of a 7% reduction in electricity use last year.
- For more information and to 'show you what it's all about' please visit the website www.studentswitchoff.org



SEEING THE LIGHT: student turns off light in halls at University of Greenwich

So family friendly

IT'S National Adoption Week from October 31 - November 6. More families than ever are needed to become adoptive parents and provide a safe and nurturing home. **GRACE LIPSKI** reports...

CHOOSING to adopt a child can be a difficult and daunting decision to make. National Adoption Week (Oct 31 - Nov 6) is to remind prospective parents that there is help and support available to those who might consider adopting.

Adoptive parents are needed right here in Greenwich. To be eligible you need be over the age of 21 and able to offer a stable home. You must show you can afford to look after a child and satisfy the relevant checks. You do not need to live in the borough, and whether you own or rent your property is not important. The main thing is being able to meet the needs of each individual child.

Adopters are sought from all ethnic backgrounds. Careful work goes into finding a suitable match but this doesn't automatically mean that the adopting parent has to be from the same ethnic background as the child - the key thing is a willingness to acknowledge and support the child in their understanding of their own racial identity.

The process starts with contacting the Greenwich Adoption Team, based in the new Woolwich Centre, Wellington Street. They can guide the prospective adopters through the process, which starts with an interview, then filling an

application form and then going for an assessment. Checks on adopters include medical, criminal and reference checks. A social worker will work alongside them and carry out an ongoing assessment. This would be followed by a meeting with an adoption panel that, if all is well, will grant them the right to adopt. Then they would have to wait for a child to be matched to them. After a ten-week fostering placement they would be able to apply to adopt the child. During the assessment process there is also a chance to speak to people who have adopted a child themselves - probably the best way to get a real understanding of what it involves.

Cllr Jackie Smith, Greenwich Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Young People said, "Adoption helps change the lives of young people, and speaking to those who have adopted a child it is life-changing and rewarding for the adults too. Adoption is not a daunting process, but it does take time, effort and commitment."

● Staff from six councils, including Greenwich, and three support organisations are at an event this Thursday (Nov 3) at Lambeth Town Hall from 6.30 to 8pm. If you can't make the event contact Greenwich Council's adoption team during office hours on 020 8921 2752 or email adoption@greenwich.gov.uk



THUMBS UP FOR GREAT MATES: adoptive parents for children like Alex and Darren are in high demand

'I refused to let my age stop me from becoming a mother'

'ROSIE SALTER' knows about the journey prospective adopters in Greenwich have to go through after adopting 3-year-old daughter Charlotte through the council. Rosie says: "I wondered at 47 was it possible for me to adopt. But I was so passionate about doing it that I refused to let my age limit my possibility to be a mother. I went for the interview with Greenwich's Adoption team. Three months later I met my social worker for the first time. I was anxious about the whole procedure at first, but after months of enquiries it became fascinating and I found it preparation for what I was about to undertake. Greenwich council were very supportive and listened to me throughout the journey". Rosie remembers how she felt when she first met her daughter. She said: "It



SO HAPPY: young girl is all smiles

may have been the scariest moment of my life, but the match made by my social worker was perfect. Charlotte already had a strong personality but we both got to learn who the other was and as the trust grew I was tested and the boundaries were pushed against!" She says adopting is a rewarding to her "I

can honestly say it has brought love, laughter, fun, appreciation and a meaning to my life. I would say to anyone wanting to adopt is to be open from the outset with your social worker and trust them." She added, "No parent gets to choose their child, it's something you make a commitment to, to be a parent."

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Interested parties may make representations to the Council on this application by no later than 18/11/2011. Representations can be made in writing, by email or fax using the contact details above. Representations can only be made on the grounds of one of the four licensing objectives, namely:

- Protection of children from harm
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Seahorse rides into Greenwich!

Thames welcomes a faithful little monster



by Dick Townsend-
Smith

THEY mate for life after elaborate courting rituals - and it looks like they're about to set up home in Greenwich!

This baby seahorse is only about two inches long but it has got scientists jumping up and down with excitement.

It was found in the Thames during a routine fisheries survey at Greenwich, and the Environment Agency says it suggests there is a colony nearby in the river.

It is the first time that these rare creatures have been found so far up the Thames, and the first time in this part of London.

Seahorses have always been visitors to the coastal waters around the British Isles but more recent sightings



NOT ONLY THE EELS ARE ALIVE: the baby seahorse discovered in the Thames at Greenwich - just two inches long

suggest that there may be more permanent populations around the UK.

In 2008 they were protected under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act. Before that only a handful of specimens had been found in the Thames.

The creatures, called the short-snouted seahorse, grow up to around 15cm and are relatively rare in the UK. They are mainly found on the south coast and are one of the few animals that mate for life.

Fisheries officer Emma

Barton told GT: "The seahorse we found was only 5cm long, a juvenile, suggesting that they may be breeding nearby. This is a really good sign that seahorse populations are not only increasing, but spreading to locations where they haven't been seen before."

"We routinely survey the Thames at this time of year and this is a really exciting discovery. We hope that further improvements to water quality and habitat in the Thames will encourage more of these rare

species to take up residence in the river."

No seahorse was hurt in the making of this story. The Greenwich seahorse was released back into the river.

The Environment Agency has carried out regular monitoring of the fish populations within the Thames Estuary since the late 1980s. This data has enabled it to understand the importance of the river as a nursery and breeding ground for species of commercial and conservation importance.

Howzat for an Olympic legacy windfall?

GET out your pads, stumps, bats and bails for a brand new cricket field in the borough. People of all ages can look forward to decades of high-quality sport after Blackheath Cricket Club secured £50,000 from Sport England's Protecting Playing Fields Olympic legacy fund.

Work on the development at The Old Military Academy in Woolwich will begin in March, 2012, and will enable the club to get more local people involved in the sport.

James Fleming, of Blackheath Cricket Trustees, which is also contributing £45,000 to the project, said: "The completion of this project will end a ten-year search for a high quality cricket ground in this part of the borough. During these 10 years, Blackheath Cricket Club has grown

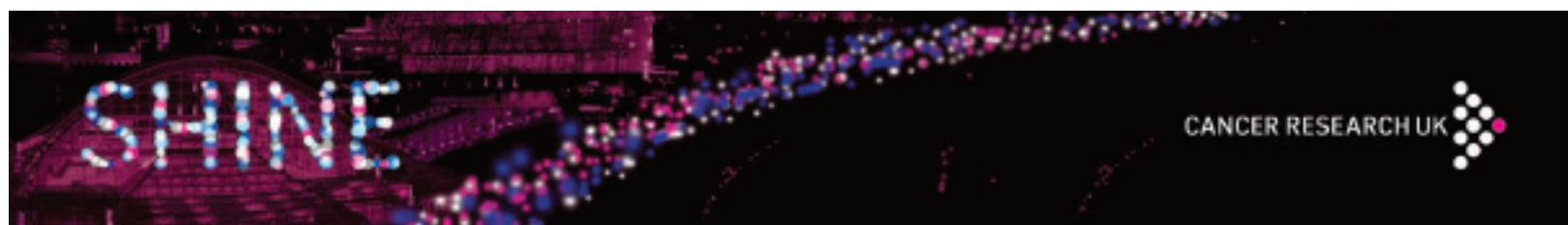
to become one of the largest clubs in England, fielding 14 senior league teams and 14 age group league teams.

"This growth has also been reflected through other local clubs, so this new facility will be a great addition for the community."

Sport England chair Richard Lewis added "This playing field will be a lasting sporting legacy beyond the 2012 Games for the Olympic Borough of Greenwich, where generations will enjoy their first experience of sport." The announcement came as Sport England invited more local groups to bring the 2012 legacy to life in their area by bidding for support for a local playing field through the second £2 million round of Protecting Playing Fields.

In round one, over £2 million of National Lottery funding has been offered to sports clubs and local groups to bring disused playing fields back into use, improve existing sites or create new sports pitches. Protecting Playing Fields is part of the Places People Play legacy programme to bring the inspiration and magic of a home Olympic and Paralympic Games into communities all over the country.

Cllr John Fahy, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for culture and the Olympics, said: "This will be a wonderful facility for a deprived part of the borough. It's yet another example of the wonderful legacy we will have up to and well past 2012." The playing field will be protected from developers for at least 25 years.



London walkers asked to make every step count for Cancer Research UK

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THE THOUSANDS of men and women who took part in Cancer Research UK's unique night-time walking event are being urged to step forward with their sponsorship money.

Organisers of Cancer Research UK's Shine London are saying a heart-felt 'thanks' to everyone who took part in the event, which was held for the first time at the start of October.

And they are asking them to make all the fun and emotion of the big night count – by returning money they've raised to Cancer Research UK, where it will be used to fund research which saves lives.

Shine London involved 10,000 people dressed in luminescent clothes and carrying torches, lights and balloons taking to the streets in an inspirational procession, starting at the O2 and passing famous landmarks such as Westminster and Buckingham Palace.

Walkers were able to choose between a full or half marathon route. Participants also had the opportunity to raise funds for a specific area of cancer research including breast cancer, lung cancer and leukaemia.

The event symbolises the light that Cancer Research UK's doctors, nurses and scientists bring to the lives of people affected by cancer through life-saving research.

Joff Charters, Cancer Research UK's Shine Event Manager, said: "Shine London was a fantastic event. 10,000 walkers created

an amazing atmosphere on the night. Looking at all the 'back signs' worn by participants declaring why they are taking part was a very emotional experience. Many were cancer survivors themselves or were taking part in tribute to their loved ones whose lives have been touched by the disease. Together they created a vibrant beacon of hope in the city."

Cancer survival rates have doubled since the 1970s and Cancer Research UK's work has been at the heart of that progress.

Research is expensive so Cancer Research UK needs the people of London to help raise £1.4 million from Shine to support it.

Joff added: "We realise that our walkers have already come a very long way, but we are asking them to take just one final step – by returning the money they have raised so that we can go on funding much needed research."

For more information on how to return your sponsorship money please visit: www.cancerresearchuk.org/shine

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New Woolwich Centre heads drive to keep carbon deposits down as council lowers emissions

Greenwich Council has cut its carbon emissions by nine per cent.

It has been working to reduce emissions through a range of energy-saving schemes in council-owned buildings, with the aim of cutting them by a third.

The council signed up to the national 10:10 campaign to encourage residents and businesses to reduce carbon output by 10 per cent during 2010. It was one of the first local councils to put its name to the campaign, underlining its determination to cut carbon emissions. It has introduced a range of energy-saving schemes, including rationalising council and community buildings. The new Woolwich Centre in Wellington Street has been equipped with state-of-the-art technology. Among the innovations that are helping to reduce costs - and carbon emissions - are solar panels whose zero-carbon electricity is powering the Centre's lighting, computers and other day-to-day facilities.

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The new Woolwich Centre in Wellington Street has been equipped with state-of-the-art technology.

Sustainability measures that were put in place include:

- A climate wall which allows the building to be heated, cooled and ventilated naturally.
- Reduced water consumption from water-efficient fittings and rainwater harvesting.
- Green and brown roofs, which will enhance biodiversity and provide extra insulation and control local surface water flooding.
- Solar photovoltaic panels to provide zero carbon electricity.
- Devices which power down the network automatically when not in use.

The measures will reduce annual carbon emissions by about a third compared to the buildings previously used to deliver the same council services.

The council has also secured interest-free funding to install energy saving technologies in other council sites across the borough. These include high efficiency boilers, controlling power use, draft-proofing windows and doors, and loft insulation to reduce heat being



SO GREEN: Cllr Sidhu at the new Woolwich Centre, and below, inside the state-of-the-art building

lost. It is estimated that these initiatives have already saved the council around £140,000 during the last 12 months.

The council is also encouraging employees and visitors to the Woolwich Centre to walk, cycle and use public transport rather than private vehicles. Council employees are also being asked to switch off equipment after use and use energy efficient equipment.

Cllr Rajwant Sidhu, the council's member for greener Greenwich said: "The campaign 10:10 recognises that any cuts in carbon emissions is a success and that achieving the full 10 per cent in a single year is extremely challenging. Nine per cent is a massive achievement and one which the borough should be very proud of."

"The council has been working extremely hard to maximise significant reductions in emissions



- both in the direct activities of the council and in the support we give to residents and businesses. The council will continue to take the lead both through practical measures that we take ourselves and through the support and encouragement that we can give to individuals and organisations to change their behaviour. In doing so, the council is helping to protect the environment today and for future generations to come."



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Get home help for some really big energy savings

HOMES in Greenwich's Coldharbour and New Eltham ward have been chosen for a new pan-London energy efficiency scheme called RE:NEW, to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Each property will get an energy survey, energy advice and free measures such as radiator panels and electricity display monitors. Where households are eligible they will also be offered the chance of free or subsidised loft or cavity wall insulation funded by the energy suppliers.

Coldharbour and New Eltham ward was chosen for its large percentage of privately owned properties, and its high proportion of vulnerable residents living on low incomes. It is also the fourth ranked ward in the borough for energy efficiency. Every household in the ward will receive a letter telling them about the initiative, which will be followed up by door knocking on a street-by-street basis.

It is hoped that 1,500 of the 5,124 households in the ward to take up the offer of a survey.

Around £6m of Central Government funding has been approved for the scheme, and is being managed by the Greater London Authority (GLA).

This has been divided equally between all London boroughs, giving each borough an allocation of about £184,000 to deliver the 'Coldbusters' energy efficiency programme. There is no financial contribution towards the cost of the project required from Greenwich.

Cllr Rajwant Sidhu, the council's cabinet member for Greener Greenwich, said: "Our support for this scheme is a clear demonstration of our commitment to saving energy and reducing carbon emissions."

And cllr Steve Offord, cabinet member for housing, said: "I would encourage all residents in Coldharbour and New Eltham to take advantage of the free survey."

Meanwhile, free loft and cavity wall insulation is now available to residents in privately-owned homes in Greenwich's Abbey Wood and Thamesmead Moorings wards. It follows a new deal between Greenwich Council and energy firm Osborne Energy Ltd.

Residents who receive income related benefits are eligible for the freebie. Other private sector residents can receive loft insulation for around £99 and cavity wall insulation for around £119.

Osborne Energy is delivering an introductory letter to every private property in the area. This will be followed up by door knocking and, if agreed by the resident, a brief check on the need for insulation measures. If the resident is eligible, the visit will be followed up by installation within two to three weeks. The work will be carried out by Dawsetway Ltd, a preferred provider for Greenwich.

Osborne has already been working with Greenwich on a similar arrangement in the Shooters Hill area. They identified the two new wards as appropriate for the project, based on building construction type, tenure and household incomes.

There is no cost to Greenwich Council in the deal. The energy measures will be funded by Carbon Emission Reduction Target (CERT) cash, which each of the big energy suppliers are obliged to make available for energy efficiency measures in private housing. Osborne Energy has an agreement with Scottish and Southern Energy to make up to £700,000 available to fund this project.

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We're linking

A carnival atmosphere descended on Woolwich town centre last week when schoolchildren made a link with the Green Chain walking routes and a local arts organisation. There was dancing, singing and laughing as they took to the streets. **GT** went to find out what it was all about...



THERE was a real carnival atmosphere in Woolwich when schoolchildren paraded through the town dancing the Samba.

The music was so infectious that a few surprised locals and shoppers even joined in.

The children from Our Lady of Grace and Cardwell primary schools were on the march to promote the Green Chain, the south London walking route that covers more than 50 miles of parks and green spaces.

They were also beating the drum for sustainable forms of transport. TARU Arts (Transforming Arts and Regenerating Understanding) led the parade, with teachers to help engage in educational activities outdoors.

The Green Chain partnership has been working with primary schools in the borough for a number of years to encourage more of our children to access nature.

Rudy Rocha, leader of TARU said: "We try and make it a fun day for the children - which is one of our main strengths - but we also wanted to make it as easy as possible for the teachers. The main message we want to get across is that despite

the obvious popularity of the internet and gaming, children love to explore nature when they get the chance; their enjoyment of it from a young age will encourage them to respect and protect."

The Green Chain Walk links more than 50 miles and 300 open spaces of woodland, commons, parks and recreation grounds forms one of London's most diverse official long distance walks. Following the Green Chain Walk it is possible to travel from the Thames riverside at Woolwich, Thamesmead or Erith down to the southern suburbs of Crystal Palace and Nunhead in one direction and Chislehurst in the other.

Cllr Rajwant Sidhu, the council's member for greener Greenwich said: "These children set a great example. It's really important that more young people are encouraged to take a walk in the park, and in this borough we are blessed with having so many green spaces that are near to our schools."

● To find out about events happening on the Green Chain, go to www.greenchain.com



HAVING A BALL: schoolchildren from Our Lady Grace and Cardwell primary schools (right and top), and head dress wearing members of arts organisation TARU (above)

the chain!



MELLOW YELLOW: the schoolchildren are naturals at the Samba in the parade that danced its way through the Woolwich streets to General Gordon Square



DRUMMING UP SUPPORT: a young lad joins a TARU drummer in Woolwich, and right, cllr Denise Hyland gets involved with the boys and girls and musicians



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**Finance & Public Services Scrutiny Panel -
Thursday November 3, 7.00pm**

**Greenwich Area Planning Committee -
Wednesday November 9, 6.30pm**

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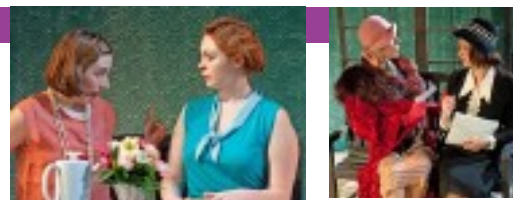
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Applicant: Mr Mark Bayliss 95A LEE ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 9EN	11/2145/F	Development: Construction of a single storey side extension. Drawing Numbers: 11/22/1, 11/22/2, Design & Access Statement and site plan. Library: Eltham Library, 7 Andover Road SE9 1HA. Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK
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Greenwich Playhouse's latest is a re-working of the Provoked Wife

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Should be Ruddigood!

Local theatre company hits the stage with ye olde romp, Ruddigore



A GAGGLE of moustache-twirling cads, bounders and desperate bridesmaids descend on Greenwich

Theatre next week.

Gilbert and Sullivan's macabre musical melodrama **Ruddigore** plays host to not one but two bad baronets, a gallery of their ghostly ancestors, and a host of other unsavoury and unsubtle characters at the Crooms Hill theatre from November 9-12.

It's a production laid on by local bods who are part of the Centenary Company, and they're back at the venue with a 13-piece orchestra for one of the famous duo's celebrated musicals.

Formed in 1995, the Centenary Company is a Greenwich-based community group specialising in the shows of Gilbert and Sullivan. Following a long association with Blackheath Halls, the Company has presented annual productions at Greenwich Theatre since 2006.

With its 30-strong cast and fully live orchestra, Ruddigore reunites the creative team – director Jerry Pinel and music director Elinor Corp –

behind last year's hit production of *Patience*.

But what of Ruddigore? Under an ancient curse, the Bad Baronets of Ruddigore are condemned to commit a crime every day or perish in agony – so the rightful heir to the title has faked his death and is leading a life of rustic innocence,

while his younger brother takes up the cudgels (quite literally) on his behalf. But what will his ghostly ancestors make of this dastardly subterfuge?

Featuring a mustachioed villain who's a loveable rogue with a heart of gold, a square-jawed hero with a spine of jelly, and a demure heroine

with an eye for the main chance. More info on the theatre company at www.centenarycompany.co.uk

On at Greenwich Theatre from November 9-12 at 7.30pm,

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ALWAYS THE BRIDESMAID: players from the Centenary Company get their togs on for period caper

Greenwich Jazz at Charlton House

Going global in Greenwich



GLOBAL Fusion Music & Arts are holding a pair of jazz nights at Charlton House as part of **Greenwich Jazz and the London Jazz Festival** later this month.

On November 11 at the venue on Charlton Park Road the arts collective hosts a night of Nigerian Afrobeat Jazz from Kalakuta. The ensemble is led by Emeka Elendu, guitarist with Fela Kuti among others.

The nine-piece band blends high energy music and dynamic brass for an authentic taste of African jazz.

The evening includes star turns from Afrobeat poet Brother Niyi, Tanzanian

poet and musician Freddy Macha, Nigerian Poet Sandra Kaffo and local poets Louisa Le Marchand and Jazzman John Clarke.

Henry Lowther's Still Waters band play out the finale of the evening with its all-star line up including Henry on trumpet, Julian Arguelles on saxophone, Paul Clarvis on drums and percussion, Pete Saberton on piano and David Green plays double bass.

Both events are free entry and start at 7.30pm. For more info contact GFMA on 020 8858 9497

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Milestone for theatre



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On the first Thursday of every month the Morden Arms, Greenwich, hosts the night at 8pm. It showcases a mix of music and performance. Then on the last Thursday of every month, the Royal Oak, Charlton at 8pm has the open mic session.

Calling all writers! If you would like to submit a review to Scene email rodkitson@gmail.com

FINAL SCENE

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Provoking discussion

Greenwich Playhouse's latest offering, *The Provoked Wife* was well ahead of its time when it was written. Grace Lipski reports on its lasting appeal...

THE Provoked Wife is laden with preconceptions. I wondered what kind of show it was, a crime thriller, a drama, or in fact, a comedy? It was indeed the latter, a 300-year-old comedy by Sir John Vanbrugh, written with themes in it that are timeless: marriage, lust, infidelity and social status. The play was set in 1920s Mayfair.

Upon entering we were transported into the 1920s, with a melody and song playing and orange nostalgic lighting.

The cast was small but animated - nine actors with some playing more than one role. The main action occurred between titled 'provoked' wife Lady Brute (played by Laura Corbett) husband Sir John Brute (John Dorney), Constant (Jamie Hutchins), Heartfree (Sam Nicholl), and Bellinda (Fleur Shepherd). It was quintessentially English from the outset.

The dialogue was so fast-paced at times it was like it was on fast-forward.

The femme fatale-type character Lady Fanciful entered wanting gratification and compliments from the women. There was palpable dislike between the characters.

We were introduced to another appropriately named character Heartfree, who had a jaded and cynical view about love, women and romance. He told Fanciful of her ill ways, that God had done her injustice by giving her "looks and wit." Typical sexist view of the period. I lost count through the show of the use of the word "impertinent", especially when referring to women. In contrast, the other code word of the play was "virtue/virtuous." So in the males' opinion the women could be either one or the other of these traits. Not both. There were echoes of Taming of the Shrew with a woman having a feisty nature being seen as a bad thing.

The character Constant was the yin to Heartfree's yang. He had an optimistic view of love and marriage as was besotted

with Brute's wife. He had a foolish innocence about him. Domestic abuse is touched on when Brute snaps at his Lady for complaining about his tobacco smoking. She runs screaming from the stage while he dashes his newspaper in her direction. Later on in the play he forces himself on his wife. Brute (yet again, well named), played by John Dorney was notably the most abrasive and animated performer of the night. He delivered his lines with as much gusto and energy that could be mustered and even made some of the audience jump and laugh at times with his actions and dialogue. He played an archetypal chauvinist. He talks about women as whores, wives as bores and drinks and smokes to no end. He provided a lot of slapstick comedy to the show. Bellinda made a play for Heartfree just to have one up on Fanciful who she knew wanted the younger man.

The play may have been set and written in a different time, but I couldn't help but draw comparisons to the WAGs of today. Some still marry men to consolidate their social status and income and make



1920s theme:
Laura Corbett
and Fleur
Shepherd

a play for men because of their position. However, just like the play concluded, the money and lifestyle becomes immaterial because although cheesy, love and respect

mean so much more.

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GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 260

How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Council's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed.

Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to:

For properties advertised for band A and band B - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time.
For properties advertised for band C applicants - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

Band

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the council must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

How do I apply?

1 Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, get an application form by phoning the Access and Allocations Section on 020 8921 2941. Or pick up a form from any neighbourhood office.

2 Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Council about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

3 Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

4 Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Council's website

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes
(Choice Based Lettings) Telephone
Bidding Line is available in:
English 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes (locations « au
choix ») Ligne téléphonique de
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en composant le :
French 020 8921 4330

Có sẵn Đường dây Đầu giá Điện
thoại Greenwich Homes (Tài sản
Dựa trên Sự chọn lựa) ở:
Vietnamese 020 8921 4343

Guryaha Xaafadda Greenwich
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waxaa laga helaa:
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The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on Wednesday 9 November 2011 at midday and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on Sunday 6 November 2011

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

GreenwichHomes

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Only priority
applicants can
apply

Ref Number: 87953
Gavestone Rd SE12
 2 Bed 1st Flr Flat
 Unlifted Rad C/H

£91.41pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 137768
**Rothbury Cottages
 Azof St SE10**

1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
 Rad C/H

£88.20pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 140312
Langbrook Rd SE3
 3 Bed Hse Gdn Rad C/H

£101.28pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 141460
**Budd Hse
 Valley Gr SE7**

3 Bed Grd Flr Flat
 Entry phn Rad C/H

£95.35pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 141483
**Maitland Ct
 Greenwich High Rd
 SE10**

2 Bed 6th Flr Mais
 Lifted Rad C/H
£96.12pw Bands A&B



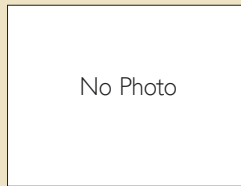
Ref Number: 141929
**Haddo Hse
 Haddo St SE10**
 4 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
 Unlifted Rad C/H

£103.70pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 142088
The Heights SE7
 1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat Gdn
 Unlifted Rad C/H

£82.18pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 143277
**Trinity Ct
 Charlton La SE7**

1 Bed Grd Flr Flat
 Entry phn Rad C/H

£83.68pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 143375
**Mabbett Hse
 Nightingale Pl SE18**

2 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
 Entry phn Comm G/H
 No Pkg

£97.17pw Bands A&B



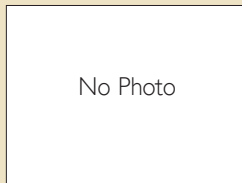
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**Aylmer Hse
 Eastney St SE10**

2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
 Unlifted Entry phn
 Rad C/H
£111.48pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 143394
Federation Rd SE2
 2 Bed Grd Flr Mais Gdn
 Rad C/H

£84.69pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 143594
Brent Rd SE18
 1 Bed 1st Flr Flat
 Unlifted Rad C/H

£83.84pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 143634
John Penn St SE13
 2 Bed Grnd Flr Mais
 Rad C/H

£90.85pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 143876
**Ospringe Ct
 Alderwood Rd SE9**
 2 Bed 1st Flr Flat
 Lifted Rad C/H

£85.56pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 143895
**Shenfield Hse
 Portway Gdns SE18**
 2 Bed 3rd Flr Flat
 Lifted Rad C/H

£89.57pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 143914
Well Hall Rd SE9
 3 Bed Hse Gdn
 Rad C/H

£114.65pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 143935
**Edensmuir Ct
 Stratheden Rd SE3**

2 Bed Grd Flr Flat
 Entry phn Rad C/H
 Over 50's no dogs
£109.49pw Bands A&B

**Important
Notice**

Please note the
 closing date to
 register your bids
 for advertised
 properties will be
**every Sunday at
 midnight.**

**Bands A&B Priority
Applicants**

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants have
 been bidding for advertised properties in
 recent weeks.

**Please note that if you do not bid
 on a regular basis you risk losing
 your priority status.**

Please contact the office
 if you need help in bidding.

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Anyone on the housing list can apply for these

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties



Charlton Triangle Homes

Ref Number: 78145
Shirley House Dr SE7
3 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No dogs
£118.62pw Band C



Gallions HA

Ref Number: 80920
Ricardo Path SE28
Bedsit Grd Flr Flat Gdn
Rad C/H No dogs
£69.62pw Band C



Ref Number: 141401
The Heights SE7
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
£82.18pw Band C



Ref Number: 143378
Tellson Av SE18
Bedsit 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
£74.60pw Band C



Ref Number: 143574
Villas Rd SE18
1 Bed 4th Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£71.92pw Band C



Ref Number: 143714
Middle Pk Av SE9
1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
No Pkg
£83.70pw Band C



Ref Number: 143855
Barnfield Gdns SE18
3 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Min 2 chn any age
£95.93pw Band C



Ref Number: 143919
Nightingale Heights
Nightingale Vale SE18
2 Bed 13th Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Comm G/H No Pkg
£96.79pw Band C



Ref Number: 143921
Middle Pk Av SE9
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
£83.70pw Band C

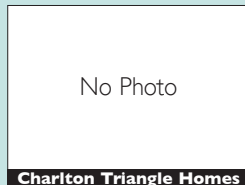


Ref Number: 143936
Barnfield Gdns SE18
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H Min
1 child any age
£89.28pw Band C



Charlton Triangle Homes

Ref Number: 144014
Wilson Hse
Springfield Gr SE7
2 Bed 6th Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No dogs
£109.79pw Band C



Ref Number: 144034
Charlton Triangle Homes
Elm Tree Ct, Cherry Orchard Est SE7
3 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No dogs
£120.30pw Band C



Ref Number: 143894
Charlton Triangle Homes
Blaker Ct, Cherry Orchard Est SE7
2 Bed Grnd Flr Flat Gdn
Rad C/H No dogs
£105.65pw Band C

Bands A&B Priority Applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants have been bidding for advertised properties in recent weeks.

Please note that if you do not bid on a regular basis you risk losing your priority status.

Please contact the office if you need help in bidding.

Important Notice

Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**

Bands A&B Priority Applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants have been bidding for advertised properties in recent weeks.

Please note that if you do not bid on a regular basis you risk losing your priority status.

Please contact the office if you need help in bidding.

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Sheltered / Retirement Housing

Sheltered Housing provides independence in a secure and friendly environment. Each Sheltered Scheme has a Scheme Manager who is the main source of support. There is 24 hour cover from the Telecare Service. The age criteria is over 60 years, but we can consider people over 55 years with a support need. If you are interested in Sheltered housing please ring **0208 921 2941**.

All applications are subject to a Sheltered Housing Assessment.



Our current vacancies include;
(several of which are ready for immediate letting)

One Person Properties

Eltham Road, Lee SE12, Ground floor, Studio flat.

Garnett Close, Eltham SE9, Ground Floor, Studio flat.

Sam Manners House, Greenwich SE10, Ground Floor, Studio Flat

Strand Court, Plumstead SE18, 2ND Floor, Studio Flat

Two Person Properties

No Vacancies

All the above properties are lifted.

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 257

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
MBrittain Court Shrubsall Close SE9 5QT	2	FLAT	484	21/01/2004	C
Maryon Grove SE7 8BY	1	FLAT	474	13/06/2004	C
Rockfield House Welland Street SE10 9DR	4	FLAT	34	01/12/2009	B
Montcalm Road SE7 8QH	2	HOUSE	120	03/11/2003	A
Walpole Place SE18 6TW	3	MAISONETTE	309	25/01/2006	C
Stanton House Thames Street SE10 9DL	2	FLAT	28	04/12/2010	B
Wricklemarsh Road SE3 8ES	2	MAISONETTE	22	26/02/2010	B
Sexton House Bardsley Lane SE10 9RQ	2	FLAT	24	04/07/2011	B
Coltress Crescent SE2 0UY	1	FLAT	47	06/09/2010	B
Flintmill Crescent SE3 8LZ	1	FLAT	58	25/08/2008	B
St Pauls Close Fairfield Grove SE7 8TU	1	FLAT	67	15/11/2004	A
Nadine Street SE7 7PQ	2	HOUSE	87	04/05/2009	A
Acworth House Barnfield Road SE18 3TP	1	FLAT	329	06/11/2008	C
Long Walk SE18 3TE	2	MAISONETTE	23	01/07/2002	A
Maryon Grove SE7 8BY	1	FLAT	357	22/10/2007	C
Carew House Godfrey Road SE18 5HB	2	FLAT	14	20/10/2010	B
Samuel Street SE18 5LQ	3	MAISONETTE	30	01/06/1999	A
Antelope Road SE18 5QG	1	FLAT	48	28/07/2008	A
Tivoli Gardens SE18 5PF	0	FLAT	182	16/04/2009	C
Gallon Close SE7 8SY	1	FLAT	44	22/11/1999	A
Halsbrook Road SE3 8QU	0	FLAT	224	08/11/2005	C
The Mound SE9 3BA	2	FLAT	30	31/01/2011	B
Woolwich Church Street SE18 5NE	2	MAISONETTE	25	09/09/2011	B
Plumstead Common Road Plumstead SE18 2UL	2	FLAT	33	04/12/2010	B
Middle Park Avenue SE9 5SF	3	HOUSE	105	23/05/2008	B
Barnfield Gardens SE18 3QX	1	FLAT	326	18/02/2009	C
Warner House Russet Way SE13 7ND	1	FLAT	283	06/02/2006	C
Bexley Road SE9 2PH	3	MAISONETTE	27	30/11/1992	A
Benares Road SE18 1HY	1	FLAT	60	06/01/2010	B

For information or assistance

contact our Allocations Team on:

020 8921 2941 Textphone (minicom):

020 8921 2996

Email: **housing-allocations**

@greenwich.gov.uk

Fax: 020 8854 7212

To Let By Greenwich Council

Eltham Crematorium Pavilion, Crown Woods Way, SE9



Located on the Eltham Crematorium and Cemetery site, the property is adjacent to the A2 with access from Crown Woods Way, Eltham, SE9. It comprises an area of approximately 25 square metres (270 square feet).

Providing a service to several boroughs including Greenwich, Bexley and Dartford, the Crematorium is the busiest in the UK. The combined funerals undertaken by the Crematorium and the Cemetery are in the region of 4175 a year.

The grounds and facilities are open to the public daily throughout the year. The Council is inviting offers from experienced individuals to use the premises as a Refreshment/Florist centre to provide a service for mourners which is sympathetic to its setting in the cemetery grounds

Further details including tender form, relevant terms and conditions are available from Greenwich Property, Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich, SE18 6HQ

Phone 020 8921 5515

Email: property@greenwich.gov.uk



BISHOP JOHN ROBINSON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL HOVETON ROAD, THAMESMEAD SE28 8LW TEL : 020 8310 9160

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Visits are strongly encouraged so please telephone and make an appointment. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all staff to share this commitment.

Further details and application forms are available from
Karen Fletcher at Bishop John Robinson School.
Telephone 020 8310 9160
E-mail kphillips@bjr.greenwich.sch.uk

Closing date: Friday 18 November 2012 at 12:00 noon.
Interviews will be held during WB Monday 28 November 2012



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ST MARGARET'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL ST MARGARET'S GROVE, PLUMSTEAD SE18 7RL TEL : 020 8854 3924

St Margaret's is a popular, multi ethnic Church of England Primary School overlooking Plumstead Common.

Part-time Office Assistant – 14 hours per week (Term time only)
Salary: Level 3 - £15725 +LW pro rata

We require for January 2012 an office assistant to work in our busy school office each Monday and Tuesday. Excellent communication skills and ICT experience essential.

Teaching Assistant – 20 hours per week (term time only)
Salary: Level 2- £13874 +LW pro rata

We require for January 2012 a Teaching Assistant to support the learning of pupils in Key Stage 2 classes. Ideally the successful candidate will be able to spread the 20 hours over each day of the week.

For further details of both posts please contact Carolyn Hunter on 0208 854 3924 or Email sao@stmargaretce.greenwich.sch.uk

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 18 November
Interviews will be held during the week starting: 28 November or 5 December

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and therefore expect all staff to share this commitment. Appointments will be conditional upon an Enhanced Disclosure being obtained via the Criminal Records Bureau.



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GLLaB is currently recruiting to several roles

in AEG Europe's IT Department, including:

Business Systems Manager, Europe

Technology Manager

IT & Event Support Specialist

The British Music Experience @ The O2 requires

Customer Service Assistants

(interest in music and/or ability to play an instrument essential)

and **Deck Customer Service Assistants**

on the Thames Clippers

(maritime knowledge/interest in River Thames essential)

Interested? Email your CV to

gllab-jobs@greenwich.gov.uk

and please state which vacancy you wish to apply for





Sports, Leisure & Tourism Open Evening
Eltham Centre, 2 Archery Road, SE9 1HA
3 November 2011 from 6pm - 8pm

G+16 to 18 Open Evening
Plumstead Centre, 95 Plumstead Road, SE18 7DQ
8 November 2011 from 6pm - 8pm

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GREENWICH COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 123

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF OPEN SPACE

Land known as the Dwarf Orchard Greenwich Park SE10

Notice is hereby given that London Borough of Greenwich intends to dispose of land which is currently an open space comprising 0.3 hectares within the Greenwich World Heritage Site and Greenwich Park Conservation Area known as the Dwarf Orchard in Greenwich Park SE10.

The disposal is to take place by way of freehold transfer at nil consideration to the Royal Parks Agency of the Old Police House Hyde Park London W2 2UH in order to enhance the site's condition with regard to its ecological value, its cultural heritage as a former orchard and its value to the community

A plan showing the area of the land affected by the proposal may be inspected during normal office hours at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, 5th Floor Woolwich Centre Wellington Street Woolwich, SE18 6HQ.

Any objection to the intended disposal must be made in writing and should be sent to Russell Power, Head of Law and Governance, 5th Floor Woolwich Centre Wellington Street Woolwich, SE18 6HQ before 5.30pm on 11st November 2011.

Dated the 14th October 2011.

David Stratford
Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills
5th Floor Woolwich Centre
Wellington Street
Woolwich
SE18 6HQ



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To advertise in GT call
**Nicola on 020-8921 5572 or Gaynor
on 020-8921 5033**

'Everyone can enjoy benefits of football'

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played for Access until they closed down and now I've formed a new team called KeyRing United."

KeyRing is a network organisation that helps adults with learning disabilities live independently. Mark, who has a flat in Plumstead and works three days a week as a volunteer in wood recycling, clearly loves his football.

He said: "I've scored 37 goals this season. I've been going through players like a rocket. They can't stop me. I came to Greenwich from Sussex when I was 11. I went to the Holy Family school in Kidbrooke. I've got three brothers and two sisters. My mum lives with my sister in Plumstead and I've got my own place. I do my own cooking, like stir-fries."

It was time for me to make my debut for Bloomfield Court against Meadow from Lewisham. The match is surprisingly fast and furious. Their No. 7 looks a bit tasty. We have a couple of good chances blocked bravely on the line by their keeper before

their No. 7 bursts clear and blasts the ball past the lump in our goal. Defeat. One-nil. The sound advice was to get back to journalism and a chat with Sharon. She said: "The people here today come day centres, skill centres or from independent living networks. This means the world to them because there are very few opportunities for them and they're getting fewer. They also tend to come from the poorer and most disadvantaged parts of the community."

Jim Gillman, the Mayor of Greenwich turned up to watch the final and present the medals. He told GT: "We are so fortunate to have the South London Special League based in our borough and long may it continue to bring enjoyment and self esteem to those less fortunate in Greenwich and who visit us from other parts of London."

Sharon added: "One of the biggest barriers to involvement is travelling. The cuts have hit us enormously and we're desperate for new sponsors. We're very grateful for the Avenues Trust and the CARE partnership for sponsoring us today."

Real Regard FC won the premier event and KeyRing the "championship" competition. Did Mark Ross-Padmore notch? Course he did, went through them like a rocket.

● **FIND out more about the SLSL by calling Sharon Brokenshire on 07515 539825 or email info@sl-sl.co.uk** Contact KeyRing's head office on 020-732 40750



TAKE THAT: defenders can only stand and watch (top) as a tremendous volley is unleashed at the one of the games in the 'One Game, One Community' football festival at

Long Lane JFC's ground in Kidbrooke, and above, Mayor of Greenwich Jim Gillman is pictured with the victorious KeyRing team from Greenwich

**LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –
SECTION 14(1)
VARIOUS ROADS – TEMPORARY
PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF
TRAFFIC**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council intends to make an Order to accommodate carriageway resurfacing works in certain lengths of Blackwall Lane (A2285), Garlyle Road (A2047), Court Road (A208), Trafalgar Road (A209) and Woolwich Church Street (A104). The effect of the Order would be to prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in certain lengths of the above-mentioned roads. Parking suspensions may also be imposed. The following side road junctions would be closed or restricted as the resurfacing works progress along the above-mentioned roads:

(a) Court Road side roads: Eltham Palace access road, Middle Park Avenue, Royal Blackheath Golf Club access road, Tarnwood Park (both junctions) and Woodmere;

(b) Trafalgar Road side roads: Armitage Road, Blackwall Lane, Christchurch Way, Coleridge Street (both junctions), Commercial Place, Eastwood Street, Eastway Street, Greenwich Park Street (both junctions), Harcliffe Street, Hoshins Street, King William Lane, Lassel Street, Place Hill, Hill Street, Park Row (both junctions), Radmore Street, Trafalgar Grove, Tyler Street, Vanbrugh Hill, Whitworth Street and Woodland Crescent; and

(c) Woolwich Church Street side roads: Francis Street, Place Quay access road, Port Street, Prospect Vale and Tamar Street.

2. The works would be conducted on a "rolling" programme and, as such, not all the restrictions referred to in paragraph 1 of this Notice would be in force in all the affected roads at any one time. Vehicular access to properties affected by these works would be maintained wherever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works.

3. The restrictions and suspensions in the above roads would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs.

4. Whilst the restrictions referred to in paragraph 1 of this Notice are in operation, the alternative route for traffic affected by:

(a) the Trafalgar Road / Vanbrugh Hill junction closure would be via Westcombe Park Road and Place Hill; and vice versa;

(b) the Court Road / Middle Park Avenue junction closure would be via Kingwood, Eltham Hill and Eltham High Street; and vice versa; and

(c) all other restrictions referred to in paragraph 1 of this Notice that would necessitate a diversion would be via local roads and vehicles should follow local discretionary signage.

5. The Order would come into force on 14th November 2011 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the entire works programme would take approximately five months to complete.

6. Queries concerning these works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5958.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
The Woolwich Centre,
35 Wellington Street,
SE18 6HQ
Dated 1st November 2011
(INTERNAL REF: 1023080P)

Greenwich Council

**LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –
SECTION 14A
"ELTHAM LIGHTS UP"
ELTHAM HIGH STREET
TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS –
THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2011**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council has made an Order to facilitate the staging of the annual "Eltham Lights Up" event on Eltham High Street on Thursday 17th November 2011. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily close certain roads and impose various traffic restrictions, as follows:

(A) on Thursday 17th November 2011, between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. only, to:

(a) prohibit vehicles from entering or proceeding in:

(i) Elm Terrace;

(ii) Eltham High Street, between Well Hall Road and Footscray Road; and

(iii) Pound Place;

(b) impose one-way working in an eastbound direction in Debell Road between Well Hall Road and Arbery Road;

(c) prohibit all vehicles, except buses, from entering Footscray Road via its junction with Southend Crescent; and

(d) prohibit vehicles from waiting or loading in Eltham High Street, both sides, between Well Hall Road and Footscray Road;

(B) on Thursday 17th November 2011, throughout the whole day, to:

(a) prohibit vehicles from waiting or loading in:

(i) Arbery Road, both sides between Debell Road and Gourock Road;

(ii) Footscray Road, the south-west side, from Newlands Court north-westward for 40 metres;

(iii) Gourock Road, the north-west side only; and

(iv) North Park, both sides; and suspend the northbound one-way workings in Elm Terrace and Pound Place.

2. The above restrictions will only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs.

3. Whilst the prohibitions remain in operation, vehicular traffic normally using the temporarily closed section of Eltham High Street will be diverted via Court Road, Court Road, North Park, northbound on Footscray Road towards Eltham High Street (then using Southend Crescent to travel south if necessary), and vice versa, following local discretionary signage.

4. The above restrictions will not prevent essential vehicular access to premises only accessible via Elm Terrace and Pound Place.

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The games that mean so much in the margins

by Peter Cordwell

IT was the least a committed community newspaper reporter could do.

One team at the South London Special League (SLSL) six-a-side tournament had only four players. I put my hand up at the back and said: "I'll play."

You might have expected someone to object, a stickler for the rules. But inside five seconds a blue shirt - large when it should have been extra large - was thrown in my direction by the SLSL's legendary leader Sharon Brokenshire.

Sixty-four later this month, I still felt I should point out I once hit the bar in the Olympic Stadium in Helsinki, and Sharon followed up: "He's an international, you know!"

Referee Albert Powell was suitably unimpressed, telling me in no uncertain terms: "You're in goal!"

This was the latest magnificent SLSL 'One Game, One Community' festival, attracting a dozen teams of adults with learning disabilities from all over London. They made their way by coach, car or DLR to Long Lane FC in Dursley Road, Kidbrooke, where the facilities, as usual, were



MARK ONE: prolific scorer Mark Ross-Padmore finds the net for KeyRing United while (below), Mayor of Greenwich Jim Gillman joins in the celebrations with players at Long Lane JFC

buckshee.

It'll be a tragedy if these games - played once a month and looked forward to like Christmas - are curtailed by the euphemistic "economic climate". Ms Brokenshire, a cert for a gong if there's any fairness in the world, spends half her waking hours chasing funding in a million areas for these otherwise forgotten folk in the margins.

The other half is spent organising lifeline events like these - plus the wheelchair football at the Waterfront, plus the table cricket. Oh, and archery's on its way.

I had a long chat with a stalwart of these tournament - 37-year-old Mark Ross-Padmore - before performing like a beached whale myself for the new Bloomfield Court team from Woolwich. "I'm mainly a striker but can play in midfield," said Mark. "I

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